

# LAWRENCE COUNTY

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## Council Priorities

### 1. Transportation

*This is a need to access existing services.*

### 2. Juvenile detention space

*More bed space is needed for our county.*

### 3. Community awareness for existing resources

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# Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

## Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

### Lack of night time child care

#### Action Steps

- 1) Recruit prospective child care providers.

### Lack of faith-based Pre-K schools and programs

#### Action Steps

- 1) Investigate school readiness grants.

## Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

### Lack of community awareness of jobs program

#### Action Steps

- 1) To provide program information at the county CPC meetings.

### Lack of satellite services

#### Action Steps

- 1) Investigate funding opportunities.

## Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

### Lack of resource officers in the schools

#### Action Steps

- 1) Seek funding opportunities.

### Lack of children passing the High School Exit Exam

#### Action Steps

- 1) Investigate resources for individual tutoring.
- 2) Explore opportunities for funding for tutoring at the local schools.

## Health

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

### **Lack of community awareness of availability of community resources**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Community awareness campaign.

### **Lack of transportation to existing agencies and services**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Recruit volunteers from local churches.

### **Lack of teenage pregnancy prevention**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Promote teen pregnancy prevention awareness in the schools.

## Parent Involvement Skills

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

### **Lack of parenting classes**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Continued contact with extension office for information.

### **Lack of parent project**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Have someone trained as a trainer in the parent project.

## Safety

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

### **Lack of detention bed space for juvenile offenders**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Research the availability of grants.
- 2) Research possible city participation.

### **Lack of community awareness of methamphetamine labs**

#### **Action Steps**

- 1) Community education program with law enforcement, employers, and the public.
- 2) Media coverage.

## Policy Recommendations

- Fund rural transportation.
- Funding for more detention beds.
- Drug education at State CPC meetings.
- Increase amount of education time at State CPC meetings.
- Seek funding for more resource officers.
- Seek funding for on-site tutoring to enable children to pass the Exit Exam.
- Fund local transportation.
- Fund more Pre-K programs.
- To fund parenting classes.

## Accomplishments

- The Lawrence County Children's Policy Council has spent the last year engaged in planning, education, and Needs Assessments. The Needs Assessments have resulted in a more focused and prioritization of goals. As a result we have accomplished an increase in meeting attendance. 10 members attended the Levels Capacity Training in Decatur in September 2005. We are currently well on the way to being a level II Children's Policy Council. We have developed and began the orientation and work of subcommittees.